

TWENTY THIRD MEETING OF THE OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

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RE-REVIEW

The twenty-~~second~~ meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held
at 2 PM, Tuesday, 27 June 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item II. [] 25X1

25X1 A paper on progress of negotiations to date was presented and discussed.
It was decided that the best presentation for this document would be to send it 25X1
to the Director with a proposed letter to the [] 25X1
Forces, giving our present position and asking them for an official statement
of their position in the matter, and attaching a copy of the cable we propose
to ask State to send to [] asking the Ambassador to hold exploratory talks
with the [] Government. [] agreed to this procedure only so
far as it is an attempt to get an expression of the position of the [] 25X1
so that we may then present our complete case to the National Security Council.
It was suggested that a notation should be included in the letter that the
needs of CIA and the [] are not compatible and that separate
facilities would be necessary. 25X1

Item III. [] 25X1 25X1

A memorandum to [] was presented for consideration, requesting that

[] that division be assigned to the project of negotiations for the

25X1 It was decided that this memorandum should be originated by the
Recorder of the Board, at the direction of the Board, and should be addressed
to ADSO, with copies to [] where it is understood that [] is 25X1
now assigned.

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Item V. Relation between COMMO Personnel and other CIA Activities in the Field:

There has been no further action on this item.

Item VI. Establishment of Agent Communications Equipment Stock Levels:

A paper on this subject was presented by the Chief, COMMO, setting up proposed stock levels of Agent equipment. This paper will be studied and verified by the members of the Board and will be brought up for final approval at the next meeting.

Item VII. Now Business:

The Communications Division is working on the initial phase of a mobilization plan and it was agreed to add this item on the agenda for consideration.

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[redacted] stated that a meeting had been held with officials from [redacted] on the subject of sending personnel over to the United States for training. The suggestion was made that [redacted] officials be introduced into our intelligence training, but it was decided to send instructors to [redacted] instead. It was pointed out that this matter might be used as quid pro quo in getting authority for the [redacted] A copy of the minutes of the above meeting will be procured for the records of the Board. 25X1

a substitute for
Some discussion was had as to the projected use and procurement of the mobile stations. One unit is ready for shipment to [redacted] Another is in production and two more not yet on order are being revised somewhat. It is planned to keep one of these units in the United States for emergency use wherever needed. 25X1

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

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TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The twenty-second meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM on Friday, 16 June 1950. Present were:

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25X1 Item I. The phrase "for the Director's signature" was deleted from the minutes on Item II. [redacted] and the phrase "State Department Liaison Officer" was changed to read "CIA OSO Liaison Officer" under the same item, and with these changes the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

25X1 Item II. [redacted]

A draft paper was presented on the [redacted] giving a resume of all action taken to date. It was noted that this paper did not include any mention of the meeting held by [redacted] on this subject. The purpose for which this paper is to be used was discussed, and it was suggested that it be condensed and used as an attachment to a letter to a higher authority. A cable for the State Department to send to the American Ambassador was proposed, requesting that the [redacted] Government be approached informally to see what their reaction would be to a request for a station. The relative merits of presenting the paper to either the State Department or [redacted] either before or at the same time that the cable is sent, were discussed and it was decided that a further meeting will be held on this subject.

25X1 Item III. [redacted]

A staff study on this subject was presented and discussed. It was pointed out that the question of [redacted] will have to be decided before much of the details can be completed. It was generally agreed that [redacted] would be the most appropriate and discussion was had as to the proper channels for forwarding the paper within the [redacted]. The paper will be studied by the members of the Board and the area desks of both components are to be contacted for further information. It was suggested that a copy of the study be given to Mr. [redacted] for study and comment in view of his past experience in negotiations with the [redacted]

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COMMO can base its requirements. The operational branches of both OSO and OPC are working on the overall policy on this subject and no further action is required from the Board at this time.

Item V. Relation between COMMO Personnel and other CIA
 Activities in the Field

A committee made up of both OSO and OPC personnel is working on this subject. There would be only one system of encipherment as standard procedure, with minor differences as justified. In case of smaller offices with few people, code clerks would be assigned to the most appropriate office for administrative support. Functionally, COMMO personnel in the field will be under the Chief, COMMO. A clear statement of this policy is to be drawn up and adhered to by all concerned.

Item VI. New Business

It was stated that the new directive on the issuance of agent equipment has now been published at Headquarters. The responsibility for establishment and maintenance of stock levels resides with the Commo Board under this directive, and it was agreed that this subject should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the meetings of the Board will be held every two weeks from now on, and the next meeting will be held on the 27th of June.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

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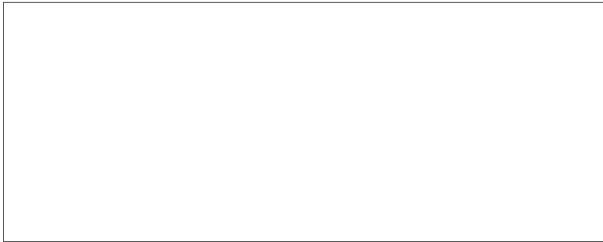
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TWENTY-FIRST OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEETING

The twenty-first meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 6 June 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item II. [redacted] 25X1

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25X1 A conference was held in [redacted] on Friday, 2 June, attended by [redacted]
[redacted] former American Ambassador [redacted] as to the probable success of our
25X1 approach to the [redacted] Government for communications rights and as to what
25X1 our next step should be in the negotiations. At that meeting, [redacted] pro- 25X1
25X1 posed that a paper be prepared for the Director's signature, giving the back-
25X1 ground and present status of the negotiations to date. It was decided that
such a paper should be prepared in completed form at which time another meeting
would be held to decide how best to use it. It was emphasized that such position
paper should be presented through appropriate channels to the [redacted] first as 25X1
a matter of courtesy before submission to either the Secretary of Defense or
the National Security Council. In connection with communications for the
Southeast Asia area, the Chief, Communications, has asked the State Department
Liaison Officer to start exploratory talks with the Department towards the
possibility of obtaining communications rights in [redacted] 25X1
in order that smaller stations might be established at these points to serve
immediate needs in that area. [redacted] stated that OPC is setting up a major
25X1 base [redacted] for the Western Pacific but this is considered too far away to
be of use as a communications base.

Item III. [redacted] 25X1

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25X1 It is understood that negotiations for an [redacted] may not be
as difficult as first indicated. [redacted] may be able to retain their 25X1
activities there. Area studies have been made but no official approaches
have been initiated as yet. It was proposed that a plan for the establishment
25X1 of an [redacted] base be prepared by Communications, quoting authority as contained
in the Overseas Communications Plan, for use in such negotiations. Such a
plan should include the proposed scope of activities of the base, complete
technical aspects, estimated date of beginning of construction, how much
area is required, voltage needed, how many men for staffing, how long con-
struction will take, etc. It was agreed that such a paper would be prepared
for the next meeting and discussions would be had then as to the proper
channels for negotiation. The question of a possible base at [redacted] was 25X1
25X1 brought up and discussed. [redacted] is including provision in their
budget for a large base there and OPC is considering it for a logistics base
which might well be used also as a communications base.

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Item IV.

No further progress has been made on this item and it was carried over to the next meeting.

Item V. New Business:

The matter of basic instructions to both crypto and radio personnel in the field where there are both OSO and OPC personnel stationed was brought up. A paper is at present being prepared as a revision of GAI 18 and it was decided that this paper should be expanded to cover both the OSO and OPC side of the picture. This item is being added to the Agenda and will be brought up at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

TWENTIETH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The twentieth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 31 May 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes were approved as read.

25X1 Item II.

Negotiations on this subject seem to have come to a standstill and the Board has been requested to determine the next necessary step. It was pointed out that the Department of State has requested that CIA and the 25X1 settle the problem between them and come up with one request for Department support. The Department will make only one request to the 25X1 Government and has no assurance that such request will be approved. 25X1 requirement is for a very large station of a minimum of 100 personnel. CIA minimum requirement is for approximately 12 people. If the 25X1 requests were approved for only a small station, there is no assurance that there would be room for a CIA complement. Due to budgetary difficulties, the 25X1 are not ready to put their station at this time. However, they desire to keep their request to the Department active. 25X1 representatives who will make a survey are leaving about the first week in July, and it was generally agreed that effort should be made to have a joint conference with prior to the departure of such representatives so as to come to a decision on the whole situation. Discussion was had as to the best possible channel to use to get a decision and it was decided that a letter should be prepared for DCI signature to the Secretary of Defense, giving a situation report of the whole problem and requesting a decision.

Item III. 25X1

Since all negotiations and policy decisions have been reached and a final report presented to the Board by on this item, it was agreed that it be dropped from the Agenda. 25X1

Item IV. 25X1

Item carried over to next meeting.

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Item V. SOP for Procurement of Agent Equipment:

A new draft was presented and form in which this directive is to be issued was discussed. It was decided that a covering memorandum would be issued by each office and requesting that such directive not be amended by either office without coordination with the OSO/OPC Communications Board. 25X1
It was then agreed that this item be removed from the Agenda.

Item VI. New Business:

25X1 Mr. [] was welcomed as the new member of the Board for OPC, and a vote of thanks was extended to [] for his service on the Board.

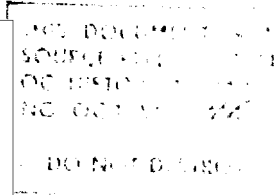
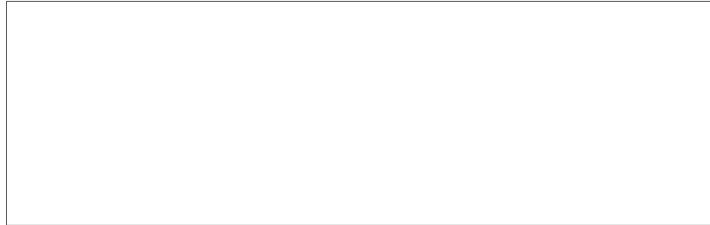
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The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

NINETEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The nineteenth regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 23 May 1950. Present were:

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Item I. Item VI was changed to read "necessitates the return of OSO personnel to read the cables", and with this change, the minutes were approved.

Item II.  25X1

Item carried over to next meeting.

Item III.  25X1

Item carried over to next meeting.

Item IV.  25X1

Item carried over to next meeting.

Item V. SOP for Procurement and Issuance of Agent Equipment:

A revised draft on this subject was presented and discussed. It was pointed out that supplies in the field should be on a stock level basis, to be drawn upon for any approved project that comes up, and that such stock levels should be determined on both minimum and maximum basis. It was also decided that some provision should be included to prevent a Commo area chief from blocking the emergency issuance of equipment. Discussion was had as to where the responsibility should lie in determining whether equipment is to be issued from overseas area stock or from basic stocks maintained in the Washington area. A new draft of this paper, incorporating the changes suggested in the above discussion, will be presented at the next meeting.

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Item VII. Now Business:

No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

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EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The eighteenth regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 9 May 1950. Present were:

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Item I. It was requested that the sentence under Item II be changed to read "A CIA representative will be sent if possible to [redacted] . . ." 25X1 and with this correction, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Item II. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] stated that the CIA representatives from [redacted] cannot be 25X1 sent to [redacted] for survey purposes as previously discussed. Discussion was had as to the possibility of sending a CIA representation from Washington, 25X1 either with the [redacted] representatives or separately, to make a general 25X1 survey of the whole [redacted] problem, and it was agreed by the Board that such a representation would be sent. Such representatives are to be sent to such other places in the general area as may be necessary for purposes of implementing the Commo Plan as approved.

Item III. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] gave a report on the progress of negotiations for [redacted] 25X1 Base, giving the views of [redacted] officials on the matter, and 25X1 detailing the search for sites [redacted] arrangements 25X1 [redacted] difficulties in finding housing facilities, etc. A copy of Mr. 25X1 [redacted] detailed report is being made a part of the Board record and it was suggested that a copy be sent to the ADSO for possible transmittal to the 25X1 Director.

Item IV. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 The area report [redacted] is still being worked on. It was pointed out that any consideration of a [redacted] site should be shelved until the overall 25X1 policy toward [redacted] is established by the United States Government. 25X1

Item V. SOP for Stockpiling and Issuing Agent Radio Equipment:

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The draft paper prepared by [redacted] on this subject was presented and discussed. It was decided that some policy should be set up on the issuance of new over old equipment. Also, some statement should be included as to the conditions under which new war-time equipment can be issued. This paper is to be studied further and carried over to the next meeting.

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Item VI. [REDACTED]

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25X1 A draft paper on this matter was presented and discussed. The possibility of setting up mutual teams consisting of experts in the best [REDACTED] was discussed and generally approved. It was decided that this paper should be studied in conjunction with that prepared under Item V. and both will be taken up at the next meeting.

Item VII. New Business:

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[REDACTED] brought up the fact that there is always an accumulation of J cables for ADSO release after 5 o'clock which sometimes necessitates his return to the office in the evening. It was requested that all routine J cables arrive at ADSO's office by 4 PM or be held over until the next day.

The meeting adjourned at 4 PM and was reconvened on Thursday, May 11, at 4 PM in order to complete the report by [REDACTED], on the progress of negotiations for the establishment of the [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] The meeting readjourned at 5 PM.

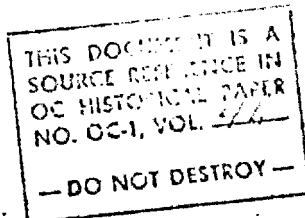
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SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The seventeenth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 2 May 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and recorded statement of [] was corrected to read "We (CIA) were wrong in interpreting [] fears to the north as pertaining to [] was equally fearful of the [] 25X1

25X1 Item II. []

Members of CIA attended a conference at the Department of State on the question of overall policy with respect to a radio base in [] A 25X1 copy of the formal minutes of the meeting are to be furnished to CIA. A State cable from [] was presented to the Board meeting and it was noted that [] seems to be more favorably disposed toward the matter of a base. In order to expedite further negotiations, 25X1 information on logistics of [] and present [] facilities is being gathered both by CIA and []. A CIA representative is being sent to [] to make a general survey with emphasis on [] 25X1 and [] facilities []. It was indicated that CIA should produce such a survey on a priority basis so as to have the information prior to departure of an [] survey team to [] for similar purposes. 25X1

Item III. [] 25X1

The [] is now at headquarters and a full-dress demonstration will be set up between K and L Buildings for all personnel concerned. The unit will then be taken over by the team for training purposes and the equipment will be made ready for shipment by June 15. The shipping schedule for this equipment was explained and it was stated that some pressure may be necessary in order to obtain shipping priorities from the Army. OPC cooperation was assured in obtaining priority. [] is sending a cable to [] directing that if negotiations are not completed by the time our equipment arrives, [] is to permit the equipment to be set up on []. Discussion was had as to probable and desirable location of the operational headquarters and it was pointed out that from a communications standpoint, such headquarters can be as far away as 50 miles from the radio base without impairing the efficiency of communications. A special meeting of the Board will be called upon [] return and representatives of the respective area desks will be present. 25X1

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Item IV: [] 25X1

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25X1 [] is preparing a report on the political situation in []
A proposal was made to look into the possibility of negotiating an option
25X1 for a base in [] or some of its possessions, and with this in mind, the
Branch will be asked to prepare a similar political report on [] 25X1

25X1 []
Item V. SOP for Procurement and Issuance of Agent Equipment:

25X1 A draft of a GAI on this subject was presented and after discussion,
it was decided to assign [] of COMMO to work on this paper.
Consideration should be given to keeping OPC and OSO stocks separate to a
certain extent to insure that both requirements can be met at any time.
It was reported that there are no stocks of new equipment as yet, but that
101 SSTR-1s are now assembled and being prepared for issuance [] 25X1
In this connection, COMMO is to prepare an estimate of equipment presently
on hand, amounts on order, and by whom ordered, so that a study can be
made as to the division of such equipment.

Item VI. []

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COMMO is working on a paper on this subject and will present a
rough draft at the next meeting.

Item VII. New Business:

25X1 OPC brought up the matter of one of their new projects, [] 25X1
[] This project has a very high priority and
it is understood that the Planning Engineering Section is swamped to the
extent that the Board will have to set up a basis for priorities. The
project will involve 3 units, each composed of []
[] The range will vary from 1 to about 300 miles.
It was decided that COMMO would obtain more detailed information on this
project and come up with a concrete proposal as to time schedule and
engineering priorities.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

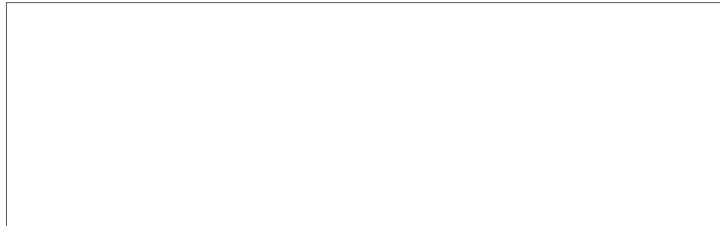
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SIXTEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The sixteenth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 25 April 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting were read and approved. [redacted] stated that the ADSO had looked over his file on the proceedings of the OSO/OPC Communications Board and had suggested that those attending the meetings be listed as regular members and consultants, with a notation as to which items the consultants were called in to discuss. 25X1

Item II. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 The State Department cable to [redacted] was read and discussed. 25X1
[redacted] has been alerted to attend a conference being held in the Department of State to determine what policy is to be followed with respect to a radio base [redacted] State Communications representatives will be present. [redacted] stated that [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] had returned from [redacted] and they reported that the [redacted] Government is 25X1
[redacted] worried about [redacted] more than about [redacted] 25X1
as much as

Item III. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 It was reported that representatives of [redacted] have also
25X1 agreed that the principal of sharing sites and facilities is not technically
25X1 desirable. [redacted] is being advised not to make any firm commitments
25X1 without referring to [redacted]. This matter will be dis-
cussed further when [redacted] returns. It was suggested that a review be
made of the terms of agreement with the [redacted] for the use of the [redacted] 25X1
and also the degree of urgency and scope of needs of both OSO and OPC with 25X1
respect to the Base.

Item IV. Distribution of Cables:

The draft of the procedure was presented and accepted.

Item V. [redacted] 25X1

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item VI. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

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Item VII: Overseas Communications Plan:

It was stated that the Overseas Communications Plan is being favorably considered by the Director and it is understood that the plan will not be taken to the NSC for approval at the present time.

Item VIII: New Business:

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The subject of an overall policy for [redacted] programs was brought up as a matter for the Board's determination and it was agreed to make this an item for the Agenda.

1951-1952 budget requirements were discussed. Agent equipment requirements for a period of two years have been procured from the operating divisions and will be analyzed as to justification and with a view to time scheduling. Operational requirements will have to be reviewed and a meeting of the Board will be called when this has been done.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

A special meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 4 PM, Thursday, 20 April 1950. Present were:

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25X1 Discussion was had on the question of sharing land and facilities
with [redacted] in respect to the [redacted] A draft of a 25X1
25X1 cable of instruction on this matter was approved for dispatch to Mr.
[redacted] recommending acceptance of sharing for the initial phases of
the base, but continuing negotiations for a manor house on a permanent
basis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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MINUTES OF FIFTEENTH MEETING OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 18 April 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and were approved after deletion of Item VI on the [] (dropped from Agenda at previous meeting). 25X1

Item II. [] 25X1

25X1 There was no definite progress to report on this item,
25X1 although the State cable to [] has been coordinated by CIA and is
25X1 now being considered by [] which takes exception to the matter
of [] as expressed in the cable.

Item III. [] 25X1

25X1 The mobile unit for this project will be ready about 1 May
and the teams are being assembled. Discussion was had on the subject of
sharing facilities with [] and when no final decision could be
reached, it was decided to draft a memorandum to the ADSO giving the pros
and cons of the problem and asking for a policy decision, so that definite
instructions can be transmitted to [] 25X1

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

A transmittal letter was presented for signature by ADSO and ADPC, after which the plan will be forwarded to the Director.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

25X1 [] stated that ADSO had reviewed the drafted procedure and made the following statement: "The attached impresses me as an excellent job. Strict compliance by all interested personnel will result in real progress." The manner in which this paper is to be published was discussed and it was decided to call it "OSO/OPC Basic Cable Procedures" and have it disseminated with a covering Procedure Guide for OSO and an Administrative Instruction for OPC. Minor points will be ironed out by [] OPC, and [] of OSO. A group within Communications Division appointed by [] is to write an OSO/OPC procedure for guidance of COMMO personnel in the field. 25X1

Item VI. [] - carried over to next meeting. 25X1

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Item VII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance - carried over to next meeting.

Item VIII. New Business:

OPC brought up the problems of their increasing needs for cryptographic personnel at their field stations. The Communications Division will keep these needs in mind in revisions of the overseas T/O.

All the figures on two-year requirements of agent stocks from the operating divisions have not as yet been received, but should be presented at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

MINUTES OF FOURTEENTH MEETING OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 4 PM
13 April 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and it was decided to change one sentence of Item V. Distribution of Cables to read: "It was further agreed that the code clerk was responsible for the handling of both OSO and OPC cipher traffic in the field." The minutes were approved with this change.

Item II. [] 25X1

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item III. [] 25X1

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

It was reported that the Overseas Communications Plan had been studied and approved by ADPC prior to his departure. It was further stated that ADSO had also looked the plan over and approved it as a whole, with the suggestion, however, that Para 3H be reconsidered. He felt that this paragraph dealing with [] weakened our whole position because of the implications that we were attempting to compete with commercial companies. The paragraph was rewritten to place emphasis on non-availability of commercial and military circuits during a period of imminent hostilities. It was decided that should this still not meet with the ADSO's approval, a conference should be requested with him to discuss this point. STATSPEC

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

The working group on cable procedure presented a basic paper containing all directives and procedures common to OPC and OSO for communication to and from the field. It also contained information for the guidance of intelligence officers in the writing of cables. Suggested changes were discussed and it was agreed that these changes should be studied and re-examined at a special meeting of the Board at the earliest possible date after [] had read the document.

Item VI. [] 25X1

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

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Item VII.
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This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item VIII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

This item is still being worked on and will be brought up at the next meeting.

Item IX. New Business:

No new business was brought up at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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MINUTES OF THIRTEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD, NOT DESTROY—

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 27 March 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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Item II.

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A rough draft of the proposed answer to [] representing the CIA views on the subject was presented. Effort will be made to present a final draft of the cable at the next meeting.

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Item III.

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Proposed sites for the base are still being reviewed. [] will be ready in about two weeks and a team is now being selected to begin familiarization by 1 May. This equipment should be ready for shipment by 15 June.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

The plan was presented in final form for presentation to ADSO and ADPC. It was brought out that after conferences between the ADSO and ADPC and the Communications Board, the letter of transmittal to the DCI when prepared should contain a specific statement of formal approval suitable for signature by the Director.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

It was decided that OPC cable procedures which have been sent to the field will not be activated until complete accord is reached by all interested parties. It was further decided that OSO would transmit to the field instructions for the guidance of OSO code clerks in the handling of OPC traffic. It was further agreed that the [] code clerk was the point of contact between OSO and OPC in the field. A committee comprised of Messrs. [] of OSO and [] of OPC would formulate the administrative instruction indicated above. A finalization of cable distribution procedures is to be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

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Item VI.

[] situation had become routine and was dropped from the Agenda, with the reservation that the Board be kept advised of any noteworthy developments. In this respect, a cable from [] indicates that the handling of [] traffic by the [] link may not be a dead issue.

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Item VII. []

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It was decided to procure from BLC a statement on the conversation between [] anent the [] communications 25X1 position in the [] Area studies were presented to members of the Board for consideration, and additional studies on the [] proper and other areas worthy of examination. 25X1

Item VIII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

The SOP for issuance of agent equipment was continued with no discussion.

Item IX. New Business:

The Board directed that a high priority be attached to the obtaining of two year requirements of agent stocks from the operating divisions, and a final report will be made at the next meeting.

The reply to the memorandum of 17 March to the Department of State with respect to diplomatic radio net was presented by [] and was made 25X1 a part of the record. It was recommended that copies be attached to all copies of the original memorandum. It was further recommended that BLC be directed to contact Mr. Howe of State and that all possible measures be taken to maintain the momentum and advantage which is presently enjoyed by the CIA.

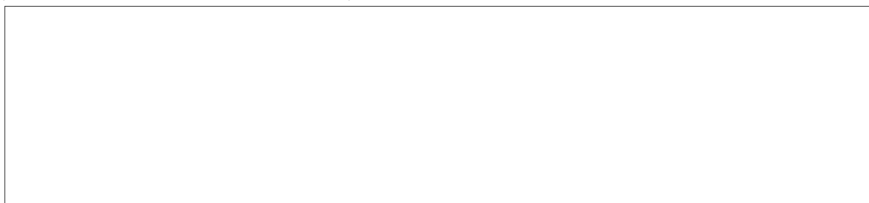
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The Board approved memorandum from Chief, Communications, recommending the purchase of 4 AN/FRT-5 transmitters from [] in order to take advantage of a Navy contract and to insure adequate stocks of medium high powered radio transmitters.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

MINUTES OF TWELFTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 28 March 1950. Present were:



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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item II.



The area study for alternate sites in the Far East was presented by COMMO. From preliminary study, it would seem that [redacted] offers the most desirable alternate site. It was suggested that BLC approach the Department of State to determine what the [redacted] reaction would be to a request for rights to set up a base station. It was however decided to continue preparations to present the request to the [redacted] Government and to this end, CIA is to draft an answer to [redacted] latest cable requesting information, among other things, about the size of the proposed [redacted] base. Discussion took place as to the possibility of setting up the base under [redacted] in line with the present [redacted] agreement with the [redacted]. COMMO is to check with the [redacted] here to find out what this present agreement involves and also what is the status of the [redacted] request for a [redacted] base.

Item III. [redacted];

Nothing new was brought up and this item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item V. Distribution of cables:

Revised cable distribution procedures are being completed by both OSO and OPC and coordinated by all concerned. A few points still not agreed upon were discussed. In particular, the matter of notification to the Signal Center of internal OPC distribution of J cables, the use of indicator M for OPC sensitive matters, and the right to authorize the use of alternate channels of communications seemed to be in need of further consideration. It was agreed that the papers would contain an initial section of general information and definitions which would be common to both OSO and OPC, and then a more detailed section on the internal mechanics particular to OSO and to OPC. Final drafts of the procedures are to be presented at the next meeting.

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Item VI. [] 25X1

25X1 It was reported that the tests on the [] link will go 25X1
into operation on 31 March. The [] deal is not expected to be approved STATSPEC
by the [] but this will not affect the basic operation of the link.

Item VII. [] 25X1

25X1 An area report for alternate sites is being prepared and will be
25X1 completed for the next meeting. It is understood that [] is re-negotiating
its present agreement with [] for communications facilities []
and is encountering some difficulty in this respect. 25X1

Item VIII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

This matter has not as yet been formalized but it was generally
agreed that the OSO/OPC Communications Board should have as part of its
responsibility the determining of quantities of equipment to be procured in
order to meet current requirements and maintain a minimum reserve stockpile,
and also should have some control over issuance of equipment in large
quantities in order to determine priorities.

It was determined from present figures that COMMO can meet OPC agent
equipment needs without jeopardizing OSO requirements.

Item IX. New business:

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The OPC Commo Support Plan - [] - was discussed and OPC is
to bring it up to date so that COMMO implementation of this plan will be
in line with present operational thinking.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

MINUTES OF ELEVENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 21 March 1950. Present were:

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Item II. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 A cable from [redacted] states that the possibility of obtaining the
25X1 approval of the [redacted] government for the [redacted] seems unlikely at present. After discussion, it was agreed that a study be made as soon as possible of alternate sites. The possibility was also discussed of setting up a [redacted] station somewhere in the Southeastern Asia area to work that area now and then be moved whenever military security dictates.

Item III. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 As a result of CIA letter to [redacted] a cable is being sent
25X1 to the [redacted] directing that necessary negotiations for the [redacted]
Base be carried out through [redacted] channels.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

It was suggested that a paragraph should be added to the document stating the plan as presented is the optimum situation and if political difficulties arise, changes will have to be made to adapt the plan to feasible if less desirable conditions. A cover letter for the plan was presented and after discussion, was approved for forwarding to ADSO and ADPC.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

It is expected that both the OSO and OPC revised cable procedures will be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

Item VI. [redacted]

25X1 A summary of the present situation on the [redacted] link was given. Word is expected from [redacted] on negotiations in the light of instructions sent him as a result of the special meeting of the Board. It was recommended that plans for the activation of the station on 27 March continue unless further notice to the contrary is received. The actual date for the transfer of MECA headquarters from [redacted] will probably be in September.

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25X1 Item VII. []

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25X1 It is understood that the present agreement [] has with [] 25X1
is under review and is to be renewed in May. At the present time, the Air
Force uses [] facilities in [] It was recommended that, as 25X1
25X1 in the case of the [] a study of the area should be made for
alternate sites in case negotiations for [] base are unsuccessful. 25X1

Item VIII. New Business:

The question of issuance procedures for agent communications equipment was raised and made an item for the agenda. Some standard procedure should be set up for requisitioning and carrying the costs of such equipment so that stock levels may be kept up, priority standards established, and project budgets set up to include the cost of communications equipment, which is not the case at present.

OPC presented the following figures on their immediate needs for agent equipment:

SSTR-1 - Total of 150 sets required [] 25X1
70 required by 15 May for pouching to the field, and
additional 80 by July.

RS-1 - Total of 20 by May 15 and 80 by July 1.

Packaged station - 1 for storage either on West Coast or in
Far East, required as soon as possible (1 July)

25X1 [] - 25 required by 1 June.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

A special meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 3 PM, Thursday, 16 March 1950. Present were:

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The item for discussion at this special meeting was the proposed [redacted] circuit and the effect present [redacted] negotiations with the [redacted] may have on the establishment of this circuit. STATSPEC

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[redacted] presented a summary of the original agreement with the [redacted] for the handling of traffic from [redacted] and later circumstances leading to the present [redacted] proposal to increase the file to 30,000 words, including both operational and administrative traffic, and guaranteeing use of emergency cable.

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OSO had agreed to take over the [redacted] traffic as of 1 April and planned to handle it over the proposed [redacted] link which the [redacted] have not as yet approved. After discussion, it was agreed that [redacted] would send an answer to the [redacted] proposal, stating that [redacted] is abiding by their present agreement of handling a file of 20,000 words and expressing the hope that the [redacted] link can be approved. A cable of instructions will be sent to [redacted] which will include permission to state that the [redacted] circuit will be used for other purposes than transmitting the [redacted] file.

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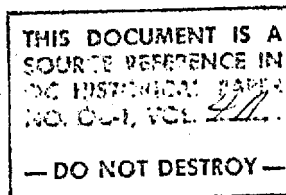
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The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.



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MINUTES OF TENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 11 AM, Tuesday, 14 March 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Item II: [] 25X1

There were no new developments on this subject. [] 25X1
is to keep in touch with the Department of State to get information back
from []

Item III: [] 25X1

A copy of the letter to [] requesting that 25X1
negotiations through regular channels be initiated was presented to the
Board and made a part of the record.

Item IV: Commo Support Program: (Overseas Communications Plan for CIA)

The latest draft of the plan was presented and the general text was approved, with a change in the title as noted above. Budget representatives from OSO and OPC were called in and an analysis was made of the cost estimate presentation. After certain suggested changes were made, the financial projection for the plan was approved, and the Recorder was directed to prepare the whole paper in final form.

Item V: Distribution of Cables:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item VI: Agent Equipment Inventory:

It was decided that the present freeze on the shipment of agent equipment should be lifted. Discussion was had as to what reserve stocks should be kept on hand and what priorities should be determined. When present stocks are exhausted, the Board will have to establish a policy on the issuance of new equipment from the standpoint of security. Each member of the Board is to study their operational needs for agent equipment so that time schedules for procurement can be set up.

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Item VII: 25X1

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item VIII: New Business:

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

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MINUTES OF NINTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD NOT DESTROY--

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 7 March 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

25X1 Item II. [REDACTED]

A letter dated 3 March 1950 from W. Park Armstrong of the Department of State was read and made a part of the files of the Board. The letter is a statement of the official State Department stand on the question of the [REDACTED] and is considered to be definitely favorable toward CIA's request for such facilities. It was ascertained that the State Department cable of instructions to [REDACTED] had been coordinated by the Air Forces with only minor changes and had been dispatched the following day.

25X1 Item III. [REDACTED]

Pictures of some of the proposed sites were circulated. A summary of the [REDACTED] meeting held on 2 March was presented and after discussion, it was the consensus of opinion that the [REDACTED] unofficial request for consolidation of facilities should be turned down verbally and unofficially on grounds of operational security. The [REDACTED] also requested that they be given a letter from the Director requesting that the [REDACTED] site be negotiated on our behalf. The Recorder was directed to prepare such a letter for the Director's signature.

Item IV. Commo Support Program:

A new draft was presented incorporating the changes suggested at the last meeting. A chart of present and proposed communications facilities was submitted. A cover memorandum to the Director will be prepared to go with the plan, requesting approval and recommending that the plan be presented to the National Security Council.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

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Item VII. Agent Equipment:

It was decided to leave the present freeze on shipment of agent type equipment and the question is to be brought up at the next meeting.

Item VIII. New Business:

25X1 A cable from [] was presented requesting approval for the
25X1 hiring of indigenous personnel as guards for the [] No objections
to this policy were raised. 25X1

25X1 The question of possible negotiations with [] for
the establishment of a base [] along the same lines as the []
Base was brought up and will be discussed at the next meeting. 25X1

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.